GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Establishment of New Tourism Circuits
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create tourism circuits to connect various destinations and to attract visitors across the country;
(b) if so, the details of proposed/finalised Tourism Circuits so far, State/UT-wise;
(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years, year-wise;
(d) whether the Union Government has received requests/proposals from various States for inclusion of more such tourism circuits and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the status of the proposals, State-wise; and
(e) whether the Government is planning to establish a new tourism circuit in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): For Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15.

Under the Scheme, thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under the Scheme since its launch are as under
<pre> (Rs. in Crore)
Sr. No. Year Budget allocated Expenditure incurred
1 2014-15 20.00 20.00
2 2015-16 310.00 309.55
3 2016-17 706.35 691.97(*)
(*)As on 25.11.2016.
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The receipt of proposals from State Governments/UT Administrations for Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project for Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai − Mamamallapuram − Rameshwaram − Manpadu − Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.99.92 crore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

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